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TITLE OF INVENTION:

"COUPLING CLOSURES AND DOCKING DEVICES COMPRISING SAID COUPLING CLOSURES"

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

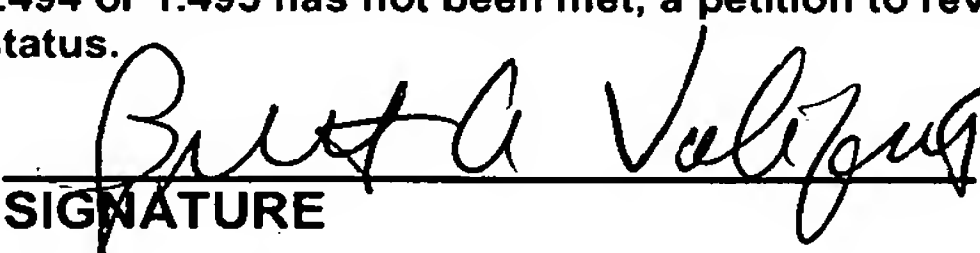
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay.
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). **Unexecuted**
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; **(PTO 1449, Prior Art, Search Report)**.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ A substitute specification. **Marked up version of Substitute Specification**
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:
 - a. ☒ **EXPRESS MAIL #EV 362546050 US Mailed January 25, 2006.**
 - b. ☐
 - c. ☐

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5): (Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO) \$450.00 (Includes National Stage, Search, and Examination Fees) ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
				\$450.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)).					
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	57-20 =	37	X \$25.00	\$925.00	
Independent Claims	6-3 =	3	X \$100.00	\$300.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$180.00 +		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1675.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)					
SUBTOTAL =				\$1675.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+	\$00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1675.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1675.00	
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1675.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 40%;"><p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p><p>Schiff Hardin LLP Patent Department 6600 Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois 60606-6473 Customer Number 26574</p></div><div style="width: 55%; text-align: center;"><div style="font-size: 1.5em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div><div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div><p>SIGNATURE</p><div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div><p>Brett A. Valiquet</p><div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div><p>NAME</p><div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div><p>27,841</p><div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px;"></div><p>Registration Number</p></div></div>					

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Transmittal Form 1390 in Duplicate
German Application
Translation of German Application
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